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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 01307-0010P1	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, Item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US2009/065764	International filing date (day/month/year) 24/11/2009	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 24/11/2008
Applicant ACRYMED, INC.		

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This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

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b. ☐ This international search report has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43.6bis(a)).

c. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No. III)

4. With regard to the **title**,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1
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☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention
 b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 833 665 A (BOOTMAN MATTHEW [US] ET AL) 10 November 1998 (1998-11-10) column 1, line 65 - column 2, line 60 column 3, lines 40-54 column 5, line 6 - column 6, line 36 claims 1-18	1-9, 17-29, 31,37
X	DE 196 31 421 A1 (BEIERSDORF AG [DE]) 12 February 1998 (1998-02-12) column 1, lines 3-5 column 2, lines 20-36 column 3, lines 14-33 ----- -/--	1-3, 6-12,17, 18,37

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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X	US 2004/082925 A1 (PATEL HARISH A [US]) 29 April 2004 (2004-04-29) page 3, paragraph 31-39 page 4, paragraph 44-51	1-3, 9-14, 17-21
X	US 7 189 410 B1 (DROHAN WILLIAM N [US] ET AL) 13 March 2007 (2007-03-13) claims 1,5,8-11,17,18	1-4,6, 9-12, 17-19
X	WO 2007/127236 A2 (ACRYMED INC [US]; MCMACKEN JACK D [US]; GIBBINS BRUCE L [US]) 8 November 2007 (2007-11-08) pages 2,5-10	1-5,17, 18
X	US 5 407 685 A (MALCHESKY PAUL S [US] ET AL) 18 April 1995 (1995-04-18) claims 1-9,13,21,22	1-7, 9-12, 17-20,37
X	US 5 695 777 A (DONOVAN MAURA G [US] ET AL) 9 December 1997 (1997-12-09) column 4, lines 56-63 claims 1,3,4	1,2,4,6, 9,10,37
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Information on patent family members

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US 6605751	B1	12-08-2003	NONE

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing filed or furnished:
 - a. (means)
 - ☐ on paper,
 - ☐ in electronic form
 - b. (time)
 - ☐ in the international application as filed
 - ☐ together with the international application in electronic form
 - ☐ subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
4. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments: .

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	<u>15, 16, 30, 32-36</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1-14, 17-29, 31, 37</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	<u>15, 16, 30, 32-36</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1-14, 17-29, 31, 37</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-37</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 US 5 833 665 A (BOOTMAN MATTHEW [US] ET AL) 10 November 1998 (1998-11-10)
- D2 DE 196 31 421 A1 (BEIERSDORF AG [DE]) 12 February 1998 (1998-02-12)
- D3 US 5 908 693 A (DELGADO JOAQUIN [US] ET AL) 1 June 1999 (1999-06-01)
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- D6 WO 2007/127236 A2 (ACRYMED INC [US]; MCMAKEN JACK D [US]; GIBBINS BRUCE L [US]) 8 November 2007 (2007-11-08)
- D7 US 5 407 685 A (MALCHESKY PAUL S [US] ET AL) 18 April 1995 (1995-04-18)
- D8 US 5 695 777 A (DONOVAN MAURA G [US] ET AL) 9 December 1997 (1997-12-09)

2. The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT, because the claims are not clear.

2.1 It is not clear what is meant with "binder". Is it a binder to bind the antimicrobial agent or is it an adhesive?

2.2 From the whole description and examples it is clear that the second layer is an adhesive layer. Therefore, claim 1 should be restricted to an adhesive layer. This is also necessary, since the independent method claim 22 refers to an adhesive and the independent claims should be consistent.

2.3 The term "substantially" in the claims is not clear and should be deleted.

2.4 Terms like "optionally" do not provide any limitation to the claims.

3. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

3.1 Concerning independent claim 1, D1 discloses:

A laminate construct comprising at least one antimicrobial layer comprising at least one antimicrobial agent and a binder, and a second layer (column 1, line 65 - column 2, line 60).

D2 (column 1, lines 3-5; column 2, lines 20-36; column 3, lines 14-33), D3 (column 2, lines 41-50; column 3, lines 18-25; column 3, lines 59-65; column 8, lines 30-64; column 9, lines 8-17; column 9, lines 44-54), D4 (page 3, paragraph 31-39; page 4, paragraph 44-51), D5 (claims 1,5,8-11,17,18), D6 (pages 2,5-10), D7 (claims 1-9,13,21,22) and D8 (column 4, lines 56-63; claims 1,3,4) also disclose the subject-matter of claim 1.

3.2 Concerning independent claim 22, D1 discloses:

A method of making a laminate construct comprising,

- a. Applying an antimicrobial composition to a structural element to form a coating on the structural element (col. 6, l. 13-36);
- b. Removing at least a portion of one or more solvents from the antimicrobial composition to form an antimicrobial layer (col. 6, l. 13-36);
- c. Applying an adhesive composition to the outer surface of the antimicrobial layer (col. 6, l. 13-36);
- d. Removing at least a portion of one or more solvents from the adhesive composition to form an adhesive layer (col. 6, l. 13-36); and
- e. Optionally, adding a second structural element to cover the adhesive layer (see point 2.4 above).

3.3 Concerning independent claim 37, D1 discloses:

An article comprising a laminate construct of Claim 1 (column 1, line 65 - column 2, line 60).

4. Dependent claims 2-14,17-21,23-29,31 does not appear to contain any additional features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which it refers, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, the reasons being as follows:

D1 (column 1, line 65 - column 2, line 60; column 3, lines 40-54; column 5, line 6 - column 6, line 36; claims 1-18) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2-9,17-21,23-29,31. D2 (column 1, lines 3-5; column 2, lines 20-36; column 3, lines 14-33) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2,3,6-12,17,18. D3 (column 2,

lines 41-50; column 3, lines 18-25; column 3, lines 59-65; column 8, lines 30-64; column 9, lines 8-17; column 9, lines 44-54) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2-9. D4 (page 3, paragraph 31-39; page 4, paragraph 44-51) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2,3,9-14,17-21. D5 (claims 1,5,8-11,17,18) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2-4,6,9-12,17-19. D6 (pages 2,5-10) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2-5,17,18. D7 (claims 1-9,13,21,22) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2-7,9-12,17-20. D8 (column 4, lines 56-63; claims 1,3,4) already discloses the subject-matter of claims 2,4,6,9,10.